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## Elba native named Alabama's Attorney General

Troy King took office as Attorney General of Alabama on March 8, 2004. He was appointed by Governor Bob Riley to complete the term of Bill Pryor who was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. This appointment makes King the youngest Attorney General currently serving in the United States.

A native of Elba, King graduated summa cum laude in 1990 from Troy State University, where he was chairman of the College Republicans for four years. He earned his law degree in May 1994 from The University of Alabama, where he was a founder and chairman of the Law School Republicans. Governor Bob Riley appointed King as his legal advisor in January 2003, where he oversaw major

litigation involving the state of Alabama. As legal advisor, he planned and advised the state on federal cases on behalf of the governor, and developed plans to defend and conduct major criminal litigation. Specifically, King has represented the state of Alabama in some of the most complex

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

Elba native Troy King is now the Attorney General for the state of Alabama. It remains to be seen if this 35-year-old Elba native can do the job well enough in the next two years to convince the people of Alabama that he is the man for a full term in the office. He must know that the Democrats are already after him...simply because he is from that "other" party. Troy's credentials are good and he is squeaky clean, all of which is strongly in his favor. He even said the right things Monday afternoon at the swearing in ceremony. He thanked his wife for her patience and boy... patience she must have! The new AG also noted "it's my children's eyes that guide me in what I have to do" and folks that is a great guide which will sit well with the family types on the voters lists all across Alabama.

The 2004 elections are getting underway in Alabama, at least the primary races are slowly beginning as political candidates step forward and place their names in the pot. In Coffee County the Republicans have been qualifying for several weeks and Tuesday night the Democrats officially cranked off. Between now and May it will get a lot more heated in several of the races while some at this point appear to have already been conceded to the incumbents.

While we have no idea what Senator Ted Kennedy's hang up is with Bill Pryor as a federal judge, Pryor is conservative and Kennedy is a flaming liberal and that is the main difference we see. They definitely don't sing off the same page of the song book. Kennedy was very, very vocal with his opposition to Pryor's nomination a federal judge every time the name came up in Washington hearings. Now that he has been named to the position in a way used many times before... as a presidential appointment during a congressional recess... Kennedy is howling again. This tactic has been used by both parties previously, but the party on the outside always cries foul, even though the appointee can only sit on the bench in this case until 2005 unless officially appointed by Congress. Maybe Kennedy is afraid that after Bill Pryor gets to Atlanta and people realize the man doesn't have horns, makes reasonable decisions, etc., he will actually get the coveted nomination and lifetime position.

There is a group in Alabama dedicated to getting more and more special deals for the state's four race tracks (or should we say race track owners). Every session of the legislature faces a bill that will give these folks special concessions. Every session in the book has been used... employment, keep the money at home, textbooks for our children, etc., and right now the pr theme is all the money the racetracks "give" to charity. Probably most of this money is required by the law that established them, but either way it is money that came out of the pockets of mostly working class folks. These people have a dream of big wins to solve all their financial problems when the truth of the matter is only rarely does that happen. We are constant in our bellyaching... don't do this for a few racetrack owners, the people of Alabama don't own these folks a cotton picking thing. If you are going to open parts of Alabama up to any kind of gambling, give all 67 counties the same deal and tax the gambling as much as the other states tax the process. But then who is making the big campaign donations? The thoughts of most Alabamians is that passing these bills is dividends for generous campaign givings and other perks which are so freely offered and gladly accepted.



**D.A.R.E. CONTEST WINNERS...** Students involved in the Coffee County Schools' D.A.R.E. Program recently competed in the D.A.R.E. Box Contest. According to Coffee County D.A.R.E. officer Kent Reynolds, the D.A.R.E. classes at Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel each designed a D.A.R.E. Box, and a winning class was chosen for each school along with an overall winner. The overall winner of the D.A.R.E. Box contest was Ginger Vinson's class from Zion Chapel School. Reynolds said students place questions in the box concerning anything from drugs, alcohol and the D.A.R.E. program to law enforcement in general. He said he answers these questions in class. On Monday, March 8, Reynolds treated Vinson's class (shown above) to a pizza party, and Coffee County Sheriff Ben Mottes made a special appearance to speak to the students.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Mar. 1, 2004, will be the following:

**THURSDAY, MAR. 4:** Report of shots fired in the 2004, 2005, and 2006 areas.

**FRIDAY, MAR. 5:** Burglary.

**SATURDAY, MAR. 6:** Domestic disturbance (in progress) reported at 1530 Powell Circle (11:22 a.m.).

**SUNDAY, MAR. 7:** Disturbance reported at 1584 Caroline St. (12:05 a.m.); River stage... 11.34 feet (6:09 a.m.).

**MONDAY, MAR. 8:** Disturbance reported on Parker St. (8:00 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, MAR. 9:** Disturbance reported at 1584 Caroline St. (12:05 a.m.); River stage... 11.34 feet (6:09 a.m.).

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS



PSALM 4's debut recording "He's With Me" CD release concert will be held Sunday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise, AL.

For more information call: (334) 347-6755 or (334) 897-8059.

Hillcrest Baptist Church, (334) 347-2516.

QUARTET MEMBERS are from left: Bo Campbell, Buck Gaines and Matt Ginder with Fred Mallory seated.

Benefit Gospel Singing & Bar-B-Q to be held at Shiloh Baptist Church

Benefit Bar-B-Q and gospel singing will be held March 20, 2004 at Shiloh Baptist Church for someone who has had an extended illness. Bar-B-Q plates will be ready at 5:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Richard Kyles -Associate Pastor  
Greater New Zion Baptist Church

Among the Jews the question, "Who is my neighbor?" caused endless dispute. They had no doubt as to the heathen and the Samaritans. These were strangers and enemies. But where should the distinction be made among the people of their own nation and among the different classes of society? Whom should the priest, the rabbi, and the elder, regard as neighbor? The question Christ answered in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. He showed the out neighbor does not mean someone in your church. It has no reference to sex or race. Our neighbor is anyone who needs help. Our neighbor is also someone who has been hurt by the adversary. The Bible says "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself." The Parable of the Good Samaritan was called forth by a question put to Christ by a doctor of law. As the Savior was teaching, "a certain lawyer" stood up and tempted him saying, "Master, what shall I do to inherit the eternal life?" This question is one that we need to ask over and over. God is waiting on you. He's standing with his arms stretched open wide.

We need to wake up and be good Samaritans. God can use you, when you heart, mind, body and soul is clean. We may claim to believe every word of God, but do you really know your neighbor no good unless one belief is carried into our daily life. Our profession may be as high as heaven, but it will save neither ourselves nor our fellow men unless we are Christians. A right example will do more to benefit the world than all our profession. I encourage you today let us help one another and let it come from the heart. So I ask you again, "Are you my neighbor?"

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ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Louise Reynolds - Interim Pastor  
Elaine Phillips-Copes, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

BETH AFRICAN METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Rev. Wesley, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Evening Service.....5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH  
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

BELLS SPRINGS BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Sam Senn, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
E. H. Hill, Minister

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....12:00 noon.  
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. Ron V. McLean

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH  
Patsy Don Grimes, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Even Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed.....7:00 p.m.

Faith CHAPEL OF GOD  
Loved Martin, Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH  
Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

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## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 9:17  
\*\*\*THINKING OF YOU,  
PRAYING FOR YOU: The  
Pruitt, Grice, Warren and Levin  
families, Helen Folmar, Johnnie  
Ruth Belcher, Kary Nell  
Hostetler, Frank Mount, Lena  
Shire, Ruth Belcher, Lovie  
Hoover.

\*\*\*MARCH BIRTHDAYS &  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Charlie K. Jordan - March 8,  
Deborah Siler - March 8,  
Cooks - March 8, Keith & Sunny  
Ellison - March 9, W.A. Gladys  
Wright - March 9, Minnie  
Daniels - March 11, Yasmine  
Wilverton - March 11, Jerry  
McMillan - March 12, Milton  
Tillis - March 12, Timothy  
Tillis - March 13, Ashley  
Carpenter - March 13.

\*\*\*32nd ANNUAL SESSION

of the Mulberry District  
Laymen's Convention will be held  
at the Mulberry District  
Association Building, Elba,  
Ala., March 12 & 13, 2004.

Rev. W.L. Peterson will be the  
moderator, the pres. Bro. J. L. Williams

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# SCHOOLS



## Jr. High and high school bands perform at District

by Katie Driggers

Every year the Elba High School band travels to Troy State University to perform in the District Band Competition.

This year since the band is so large, it was able to take two bands: Jr. High and High School.

District is where a concert band performs for three judges and is graded on how well the students play the prepared music. After the band plays its prepared pieces, the members are given music they have never seen and are judged on how well received high ratings.



## Eighth Grade Parents Night set for April 1

Elba High School will have 8th grade Parents Night

**Shop the Classifieds!**  
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Thursday, April 1, 2004 at 6:00 pm in the auditorium.

Parents and students should attend this meeting to discuss important issues concerning their child's education for grades 9-12. Topics for discussion will be credits for graduation, advanced and standard diplomas, course selections, embedded credits, new graduation requirements, eligibility for extra-curricular activities and other topics of interest.

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**\$9.98 to \$14.98**  
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or BUY ONE, GET ONE 1/2 PRICE!

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Plus size  
Short Sets \$9.98  
an array of colors  
elsewhere to \$28

**Jr & Missy Famous Maker Shorts \$1.99**  
Basic and fashion colors  
\$6.99 or 2 for \$12

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## LBW Jazz Ensemble entertains Elba students and faculty

by Meredith English

On Friday, Feb. 27, Lurleen B. Wallace College honored Elba City Schools by presenting its Jazz Ensemble and having the group perform for the students and faculty. The ensemble entertained the audience with classic hits such as Aretha Franklin's "Respect" and modern tunes such as Three Doors Down's "Here Without You" and "I Wanna Know What Love Is."

The ensemble consists of 22 members: Shelley Nall, Singer; Christie Kelley, Singer; Tanner Nall, Singer; Bo Lambert, Singer; Jacob Morgan, Singer; Tanna McVay, Trumpet Player; Shenna Pouncy, Trumpet Player; Stephanie Richoux, Soprano; Brooks Moore, Singer/Bass; Katie Cole, Singer;

they sight read. On Thursday, Feb. 26, both bands set out for Troy. Both bands had been working equally hard for about two months on their prepared music.

The Junior High performed first. Their three songs were "Discovery," "March," "Three Kentucky Sketches" and "Tawan Echoes." The junior high went on to sight-read while the high school band performed their music. The Liberty Bell-March, "Flourish for Wind Band" and "Three Avers from Glaesler."

Both bands did their best and received high ratings.



Marcus Johnson, Singer; Kevin Bond, Percussion/Drums; Ty Andra, Holley, Percussion/Drums; Doug Martin, Tenor Sax; Johnathan Grimes, Synthesizer; Clint Philpot, Bass Guitar; Mike Armstrong, Trumpet; Chase Watson, Guitar; and Amanda Nall, Singer.

The performance was amus-

ing and very entertaining. If given the chance, an opportunity to see the Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Jazz Ensemble wouldn't be one to pass up.

Thanks Lurleen B. Wallace Community College!

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Katie Driggers

This week's Co-Op Spotlight is Miss Jennifer Grissett. She is employed at National Security.

Jennifer is the 17-year-old daughter of Jerry and Janet Grissett. She is a junior at Elba High School involved in many clubs and organizations. She is an Ambassador, Senior Beta, Vice President of Girl Scout Troop, and is Color guard captain of the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band.

Congratulations, Jennifer and keep up the good work!



## Pennies for President results

by Christy Eubanks

This year's Pennies for Presidents fundraiser was a big success.

The Student Government Association sponsored the fundraiser, and the competition was divided into two divisions: lower elementary school and upper elementary school.

The lower elementary school winner was Mrs. Mitchell's class. They brought in 44 pounds of pennies.

There were two winners in the upper elementary school division. The winning classes were

Mrs. Wilson's and Mrs. Johnson's classes. Mrs. Wilson's class collected 18 1/2 pounds of pennies and Mrs. Johnson's class brought in 24 pounds of pennies.

The total for all the pennies collected throughout the school was 321 pounds of pennies. The proceeds will be used to purchase a computer program that will enable the elementary school to produce computer-generated report cards and student attendance.

Mrs. Hollis has one daughter, Chelsea, with her husband, Alan. She is originally from Wicksburg where she graduated high school. After high school she attended TSUD.

In her spare time, she enjoys horseback riding (she owns three horses), fishing, camping, and watching Jimmy Johnson (her favorite Nascar driver) race. One of her hidden talents is that she is into arts and crafts.

She says she enjoys teaching math.

"I find it very challenging," said Mrs. Hollis. "The reward comes when you get the correct answer. Math is used everyday, by everyone, in all situations. That's why I feel it's important for students to have a full understanding of it."

She also tries to make her math class fun and exciting to teach her students.

"I use different techniques and hands-on manipulatives to help students understand," she said.

Mrs. Hollis knows that although teaching math is important, she attempts to teach her students self respect and respect for others.

When asked what she liked most about New Brockton High School, she said, "I like the fact that it's a small school. I'm used to a small school setting and feel it allows a closer relationship to build between teachers and stu-

ents."

Interestingly enough, Mrs. Hollis was raised on a farm. She still lives on one today.

"We have horses and raise goats," she said. "I love to spend time outside doing yard work. I also love to fish, and yes I bait my own hook, take off my own fish, and can clean and fry them, too."

Being a teacher at New Brockton, it's hard to imagine that she could pick out one thing students do to get on her nerves, but she said, "I can't stand hearing someone smack gum or food, but gum is not a problem here since it's not allowed at school!!!"

Mrs. Hollis has made many memories at New Brockton and when asked to describe one she said, "Everyday this year has created a fond memory for me. I really enjoy working with all of the teachers and staff and teaching each and every one of my students."

When a new song comes out, especially when we enjoy it, we don't mind hearing it a few too many times. But after the 13 millionth playing of the song, it gets old. Last year, by the time December rolled around, there were countless songs we were tired of hearing, so here are the 10 most overplayed songs of 2003.

It will be a double elimination tournament with a four-hour, four-team limit per game.

The entry fee will be \$110 per team, and only the first 20 teams will be taken. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, March 31.

The top four teams will receive trophies, and the winning team also will receive a t-shirt.

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All proceeds from entry fees and concessions will go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Please contact Renee Bradshaw or Melonie Blair at The Peoples Bank (897-2252) to enter.

**Amber Estrada, E-Reporter**  
Country  
1. Red Rag Top - Tim McGraw  
2. The Baby - Blake Shelton  
3. Pictures - Kid Rock and Sheryl Crow  
4. Speed - Montgomery Gentry

5. Eastside Boys

6. Big Star - Kenny Chesney

7. Wave on Wave - Pat Green

8. Beer for My Horses - Toby Keith and Willie Nelson

9. Headstrong - Trapt

10. When I'm Gone - 3 Doors Down

11. So Far Away - Stand

12. The Game of Love - Carlos Santana and Michelle Branch

13. Red Dirt Road - Brooks and Dunn

14. Real Good Man - Tim McGraw

15. Five O'clock Somewhere - Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffet

16. Get Low - Lil Jon and the Eastside Boys

17. Hey Ya - Outkast

18. Shake Ya Tailfeather - Nelly, P Diddy, and Melonie Blair

19. In the Club - 50 Cent

20. Get Low - Lil Jon and the Eastside Boys

21. Five O'clock Somewhere - Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffet

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# SPORTS

## Views from... The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Even though Melanie has been fifteen only a matter of weeks, she has already started looking at cars she would like to have when the day comes that she is sixteen and can drive by herself. I have heard that some of her friends have already asked if she will take them home from school, and Mom has already been told when she turns sixteen she will drive herself and Mom can go on the van. With gas prices going higher every day and the thought of another car insurance to pay, my gray hair might go from gray to white.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers opened their baseball season last week and rebounded from a two-game loss to Brantley and Zion Chapel to defeat New Brockton in a game where could have been disastrous 0-3 start. The Tigers fell behind early against Brantley and never really threatened to pull out the win, while in the one-run upset loss to Zion Chapel the Tigers owned the lead late, but simply lost to an opponent that may have wanted to win the game more than Elba did. The Tigers needed a win badly to stop the slide and came through Friday afternoon at home to post a solid win over New Brockton. Derrick Thomas had his second strong outing of the season on the mound and appears to be a solid #1 starter, while LaRay Williams continued his early-season success at the plate and has definitely emerged as a very good lead off hitter. Everyone knew before the season began that Elba would have to play well to win, no matter the opponent, and that has been the case for the Tigers in opening week action. While there are no easy wins on its schedule, Elba still has a pretty good high school baseball team and should get its share of wins if the players work hard and improve every time they take the field for practice and in a game.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers were expecting big things this season after posting a 24-6 slate a year ago, but dropped two straight games at home last week and after a week of action owns a surprising 2-3 record. The Lady Tigers easily disposed of New Brockton 14-0 in the season opener, but lost to Andalusia 4-3 and Kinston 3-2 on their home field, and in the two losses failed to give up a single earned run. The Lady Tigers had one run in the top of the first, but were unable to score any runs in 20 innings on the rubber, while LaRay Williams only had 6 hits, no walks and striking out 31 batters. One problem is that Elba has made errors at critical times that have led to unearned runs being scored, while the other problem is that the Lady Tigers managed only 6 hits and 2 earned runs in the two losses. Now that fast pitch softball is in its third season most of the teams in the state have developed some pitching, and the Elba girls must hit the ball or an error in a game to lead to many more losses.

\*\*\* The Elba Junior Varsity baseball and softball teams have been busy in early-season play and both teams will wrap up their seasons next week. While the JV schedule is too short and barely gives the players time to find their right positions, it does give the youngers the chance to travel and compete against teams from other towns and compare just how good they really are. In these days of budget cuts I realize that junior varsity athletics cannot become a burden, but maybe one day soon both the baseball and softball programs will be able to expand their JV programs and give the players even more of a chance to learn the game.

\*\*\* While most of the so-called experts have stated Alabama is a lock for the NCAA tournament, it will be interesting to see if Troy State can stay in the field as a low seed, or even as a play-in competitor. The Trojans played their worst basketball of the season in the conference tournament last week and were lucky to win a game, much less two. However, Troy State has a long and storied history and there is no doubt the Trojans have one of the best fastpitch softball teams in the nation. All the free rides to the conference tournament champions could keep the Trojans out, but if it does how about a first round NIT contest between Troy State and Auburn? That would fill Auburn's gym and create a lot of interest in all corners of the state. Well, just an idea!

\*\*\* I know that high school football is still a long way off and that Elba High doesn't even have a head coach on staff, but I learned last week that the Tigers will host Highland Home this year in the annual "Foggy Bottom Classic," and this homecoming this season would be against cross-county rival New Brockton. I am sure that all Elba Tiger and New Brockton Gamecock fans have already circled the dates for the first-ever meeting between the two teams, and now that it will be Elba's homecoming, a huge crowd should be on hand for the historic match-up. As fast as the days have going by recently the 2004 high school football season will be here before you know it.

\*\*\* In closing... I read in the paper last week that Peyton Manning had received a \$34.5 million signing bonus to remain with the Colts, but that his annual salary had actually been lowered by one million dollars. The wording of the new contract no doubt gave the Colts extra room under the salary cap. However, the check for \$34.5 million had to at least lower the balance in their checking account just a little.

### POLICE PATROLMAN

The City of Elba, Alabama is accepting applications for the position of Police Patrolman.

**Minimum Qualifications:**  
(a) High school graduate or GED  
(b) Must possess a valid Alabama Drivers License.  
(c) Must possess a good driving record.  
(d) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.  
(e) Must meet the minimum standards for law enforcement officers as established by the Alabama Law. Applicants that are certified by the Alabama Peace Officer's Standards and Training Commission are preferred.  
(f) All applicants are subject to drug screening and background check.

**Pay Range:**  
\$9.13 to \$13.94 per hour.

**Benefits:**  
•Local Government Health Insurance Plan administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama  
•Participation in State Retirement  
•Vacation and sick leave

**Application Instructions:**  
Applications can be obtained by contacting Elba Police Department at 304 Simmons Street, Elba, Alabama between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

**Closing Date:**  
Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on the 26th day of March, 2004.

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### Snap two-game losing streak

## Elba Tigers bounce 'Brockton 8-3



MATTHEW CURRAN (9) eyes a pitch during recent baseball action. The Tigers closed out the opening week of action with an 8-3 win over New Brockton.

### Elba opens baseball season with tough road losses to Brantley and Zion Chapel

The Elba Tigers opened their baseball season last week with a pair of road games and dropped both contests to split 0-2 in early season action.

The Tigers opened the season on Tuesday afternoon in Brantley and dropped an 8-1 decision to the Brantley Bulldogs, then headed up the road to Zion Chapel on Thursday afternoon and were upset by the Zion Chapel Rebels 6-5.

Following are highlights of both games:

#### BRANTLEY 8 ELBA 1

The Elba Tigers managed only five hits and one run last Tuesday afternoon in a season-opening 8-1 loss to the Brantley Bulldogs.

Brantley scored one run on in the opening inning to grab a quick 1-0 lead, while the Tigers pulled even at 1-1 in the third when Brandon Wilson ripped a lead off double, moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Aaron Harrelson, and Williams later scored on a fielder's choice as Elba moved on top 3-1.

Rebels pulled even at 3-3 in the bottom of the fourth on a two-run double by Macon Hodge, and then regained the lead at 4-3 in the fourth when Abe Childs reached on an error and later scored on an RBI single by Jason Danley.

The Bulldogs combined one hit and one walk in the bottom of the fourth to regain the lead at 2-1, then collected three hits in the fifth and added two runs to open up a 4-1 advantage.

Elba managed only one base runner over the final two innings, but Brantley plated four runs in the fifth and easily held on to the seventh to post the 8-1 win.

LaRay Williams had 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Raiston Moore, Derrick Thomas and Brandon Williams all added 4 hits and allowed 4 runs to the loss of Adam Spicer as the Tigers moved back on top 5-4.

Zion Chapel caught the Tigers at 5-5 in the bottom of the sixth on an RBI by B. Taylor, and then scored the winning run when Jason Danley delivered a two-out single in the seventh to dive in the hole to beat out an error by LaRay Williams.

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The Elba Tigers snapped an early-season losing streak Friday afternoon by posting a big 8-3 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, in Elba. The win ipped the Tigers' record to 1-2, while the Gamecocks slipped to 1-5 with the loss.

Elba's Derrick Thomas sat down the Gamecocks in order in the top of the first inning, and the Tigers then went to work immediately on the plate as they combined three hits with one walk and one error to plate three runs to lead 3-0.

Elba put runners on first and second without the benefit of a hit as LaRay Williams drew a walk and Matthew Curran reached on an error, and both runners moved up one base on a ground out to first off the bat of Raiston Moore. A one-out single by Derrick Thomas drove in Williams with the first run of the inning, while Ryan Gibbs and Brandon Wilson added two out hits that enabled the Tigers to jump out to a quick 3-0 lead.

Aaron Harrelson singled, moved to third on a single by LaRay Williams and then scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Matthew Curran as the Tigers upped their lead to 4-0 in the top of the second, but the Gamecocks showed signs of life in the fourth and combined one hit, one walk and one error to score a run and cut the Elba lead to 4-1.

LaRay Williams had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Derrick Thomas added 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 3 runs. Brandon Wilson also added 2 hits, while Lance Sutley pitched 1 inning and allowed 2 runs on 3 hits and 1 walk.

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### High School & Junior Varsity \* BASEBALL \* SOFTBALL \* SCHEDULES

#### BASEBALL

##### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Elba at Abbeville (V) 4:00  
Straughn at Zion Chapel (DH) 4:00

##### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Elba at Opp (V) 5:00  
Zion Chapel at Ariton (JV) 4:30

##### MONDAY, MARCH 15

Zion Chapel, in Ariton Tournament

##### TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Elba at Geneva County (V) 5:00

##### THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Samson at Elba (JV-V) 4:00

#### SOFTBALL

##### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Brantley at Pleasant Home (V) 4:00

##### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Elba, in Andalusia Tournament

##### SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Elba, in Andalusia Tournament

##### MONDAY, MARCH 15

Brantley at Opp (V) 3:30

##### TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Elba at Straughn (V) 3:30

Kinston at Brantley (JV-V) 4:00

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# SPORTS

### Baxley tosses no-hitter

## Lady Tigers open softball season with 14-0 win over New Brockton Lady Gamecocks

Stephanie Baxley pitched a no-hitter and struck out nine batters last Monday night to spark the Elba Lady Tigers to an easy 14-0 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, in New Brockton.

LaRay Williams singled, and later scored on a fielder's choice as Elba grabbed a quick 1-0 lead, while the Lady Tigers combined one hit with four errors in the second to plate five runs and open up a 6-0 advantage.

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2004 "Relay for Life" softball tourney set for April 2-3 in Elba

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County announces its plans to sponsor a Relay for Life Softball Tournament in Elba.

The tournament will be a Men's Class C & D event and will be held Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3, at the Hawkins-Williams softball complex in Elba.

It will be a double elimination tourney with a four home run limit per game.

The entry fee will be \$110 per team, and only the first 20 teams will be taken. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, March 31.

The top four teams will receive trophies and the winning team also will receive a t-shirt.

All proceeds from fees and concessions will go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Please contact Renee Bradshaw or Melonee Blair at The Peoples Bank (897-2252) for more information.

#### Free boating class set

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College MacArthur Campus will offer a Boating Safety Course on Monday, April 5, 2004 and Tuesday, April 6, 2004. This course will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. each evening in the Conference Center Building.

This classroom course is approved by the Alabama Marine Police Division. Taking the boater certification course will enable participants to comply with the Alabama Boater Certification Law.

All persons 12 years of age and older who operate a motorized vessel on Alabama waters must be certified. Any boat operator who was born prior to April 28, 1954 is exempt from examination. Participants must attend both nights of the course. There is no charge to attend this course.

For more information call (334) 493-3573, ext 3534.

## Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

**Good woodsman-ship important when turkey hunting**

The coming spring Gobbler season is the subject of coffee shop chatter across Alabama. Once again experts and novices will wits with one of the Nation's smartest birds. Hunters who consistently bag several nice gobblers each year have mastered the sport to some extent, but they will tell you one can rarely predict what a smart old Tom does.

The first thing one must do to collect a Tom is to find him without him finding you first. If you are scouting or hunting in more open terrain it is important to utilize the terrain to hide your movements. If you think birds are near, take advantage of a rise in the upgradient hill or ridge or anything else that will help hide in the human outline. They have a natural instinct can only be compared to Superman's X-ray vision. Walking or sitting in the woods trees will also prevent you from being spotted. Another tactic some hunters use both for scouting and hunting is to sneak down ditches and wade to the spot where they want to be. One hunter I know uses knee and elbow pads to crawl to locations that he thinks hold birds. This may be a bit much for most of us, but you can't help but admire his persistence.

Since most turkey hunters prefer to be in the woods before daylight, they must be especially careful not to make noises that will alert a gobbler that a hunter is entering his living room. The use of flashlights to walk into a setup is also debated. I've heard some say that any artificial light will lessen your chances of success. Others say that a small light aimed directly at the ground in front of the hunter is OK. Some say the use of a small flashlight with a red lens won't try to set the argument as far as using a flashlight, but I do know I had rather take a small chance of spooking a bird than stepping into a stump hole in the dark.

Even beginning turkey hunters know that turkeys are located by various locator calls such as a crow, owl or coyote call. It's important to try to locate a bird that gobbles at you locator call, but it's important to listen for the not so obvious sounds. Sometimes you can detect other turkey sounds such as birds scratching in or walking through leaves. Also listen for the drumming and flying sounds made by turkeys.

Cupping your hands over the rear part of your ears serves as a built in amplifying device to hear these other sounds.

The green of spring is trying to peek through. Find a lush bottom with new growth emerging and there is a good chance you can locate a flock of turkeys. You could be eating fried turkey fillets by noon on opening day.

BEEN HUNTING OR FISHING? SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS HERE IN ...

**THE ELBA CLIPPER**

## Elba Tiger JV clobber New Brockton 14-4 to claim first win of 2004 baseball season

The Elba Tiger Junior Varsity opened its baseball season last week and posted one win in three outings to end the week with a 1-2 record.

The Tiger JV opened the season with losses to Brantley 7-1 and Zion Chapel 9-4, but bounced back late in the week and got its first victory by posting a 13-4 win over New Brockton.

Following are highlights of all three games:

### BRANTLEY 7 ELBA 1

The Elba Tiger JV opened its season on Tuesday afternoon in Brantley and managed only four hits in a 7-1 loss to the Brantley Bulldogs.

The Tigers didn't trail for long, however, as Elba bounced back in the bottom of the inning to score twelve runs and regain the lead at 14-4. Adam Henderson and Stephen Driggers both came through with singles to open the inning, while Chase Boutwell, Ryan McCollough and Bobby Hudson combined for five straight hits as the Tigers beat the baseball all over the field and blew the game wide open and claimed the win by the ten-run rule.

Stephen Driggers and Bradley Wilson both had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Adam Henderson added 2 runs and scored 2 runs and Jacob Forbes added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Getting 1 hit in the big win were Don Rhodes, Brad Sullivan, Chase Boutwell, Jacob Forbes, and Bradley Wilson all added 1 hit.

### ELBA 14 N.B. 4

The Elba Tiger JV got in the win column Friday afternoon at New Brockton Gamecocks 14-4, in Elba.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Don Rhodes led off with a single, and then raced home on an RBI double by Stephen Driggers. Driggers later scored on an RBI single by Brad Sullivan.

The Bulldogs added three runs in the bottom of the fourth compliments of two more Elba errors and two hits, and Elba managed only one base runner in its final two at-bats as the Tigers took the loss 7-1.

Adam Henderson had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Brad Sullivan and Michael Spurlin both added 1 hit.

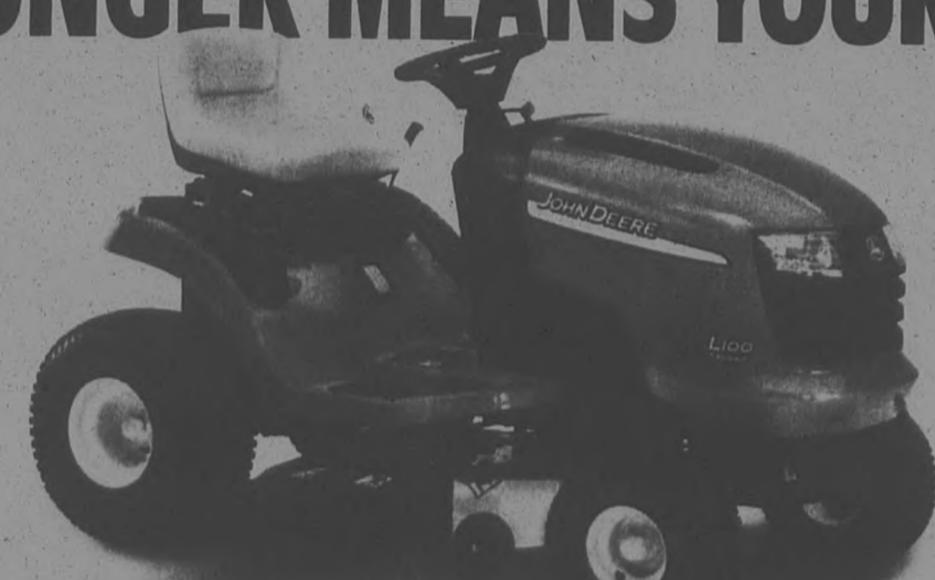
### Z.C. 9 ELBA 4

The Elba Tiger JV fell behind early and never recovered Tuesday afternoon as they fell to the Zion Chapel Rebels 9-4, at Zion Chapel.

The Tigers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Adam Henderson delivered a one-out single and later came around to score on a passed ball, but it was the Rebels that did the damage for the Tigers.

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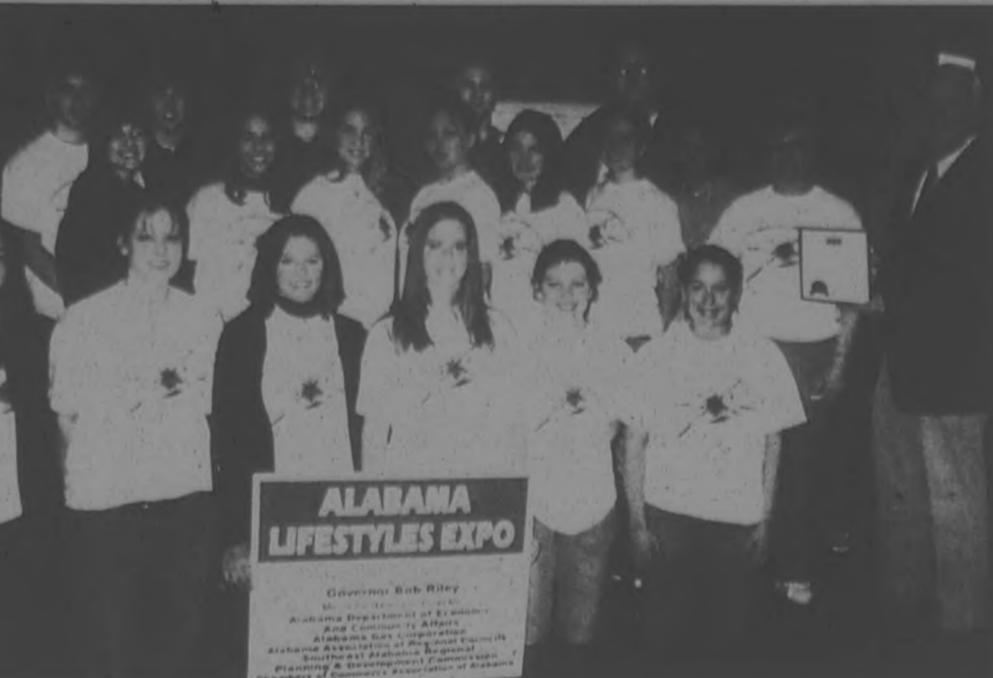
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HAMILTON RECEIVED A B.S. DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM AUBURN UNIVERSITY IN 1987. IN 1994, HE GRADUATED FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (EDI) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA. IN 1995, HAMILTON BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN IN ALABAMA TO BECOME A CERTIFIED ECONOMIC DEVELOPER (CED). CURRENTLY, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 1,025 CERTIFIED ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

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HAMILTON IS FROM TWO DIFFERENT BORN IN ENTERPRISE, AL. HAMILTON HAS BEEN INVITED TO CONDUCT AN INSTRUCTIONAL SEMINAR AT THE CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN MAY 2004.

DR. FREDERICK L. HAMILTON IS THE SON OF EVA HAMILTON AND THE GRANDSON OF MILDRED FAIR.



THE COFFEE COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP CLASS 2003-2004 WAS INVITED TO SERVE AS HOST FOR THE 14TH ANNUAL LIFESTYLES EXPO HELD IN GULF SHORES, ALABAMA ON FEBRUARY 6. THE STUDENTS WELCOMED 1800+ VISITORS TO THE EXHIBIT ON BEHALF OF BILL MEADOWS AND ALABAMA ADVANTAGE FOR RELOCATION AND RETIREMENT. NINETEEN COFFEE COUNTY STUDENTS ALONG WITH STUDENTS FROM GREENVILLE REGISTERED GUESTS, SERVED AS GUIDES, AND MANAGED THE PRIZE DRAWINGS FOR THE DAY. THE TRIP WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY LOCAL SPONSORS THAT DONATED FUNDING TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF THE TRIP. THE STUDENTS EXTEND THEIR APPRECIATION TO ALABAMA POWER COMPANY, ALFAB, NEW BROCKTON PROPANE GAS, AND KELLEY FOODS OF ELBA. COFFEE COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP IS MADE UP OF STUDENTS FROM ALL FIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN COFFEE COUNTY.

Front Row: Freda Kelley, Breanna Hattaway, Lyndsay Lawford, Jessica Goetz, Tiffany Wilson, Kristie McGrath; Middle Row: Sonya Hornsby, Kristin Barnes, Cameron Irwin, Shanae Grondin, Kristie Spinks, Jessica Lacey, Gem Olmib, Peggy Stroud (AL Coop Ext. System) and John Harrison (ADECA's) Back Row: Drew Donaldson, Taylor McGuire, Caleb Dyess, Bradley Bane, Roy King, Michael Sneed. Also accompanying the group to the EXPO, but not pictured were: Stanley Walker, Program Director and Carolyn Sutley, Assistant Coordinator.

ZION CHAPEL STUDENTS WIN IN 24TH ANNUAL MATH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Nearly 2,000 "mathletes" recently gathered in Wallace Community College's 24th Annual Tri-State Math and Computer-Science Olympiad.

Students from 72 middle and high schools within a 100-mile radius of the College tested their skills in pre-algebra, algebra I, geometry, algebra II, advanced math, computer literacy, micro-computer applications and comprehensive competition.

According to Dr. Jim Kinney, event chairman, the competition is intended to stimulate interest in mathematics and computer sciences and to reward the abilities of those students who excel.

The Olympiad also provides an effective means for closer working relationships between participating schools and Wallace Community College. While students compete, teachers network and attend instructional seminars.

The theme for this year's

Olympiad was "Mathematics and Computers: Tools for all Vocations."

Students from Wiregrass area public and private institutions were among the big winners.

Donovan Kelley of Zion Chapel High School took third place and Clay Lewis took sixth place in the computer literacy competition while teammate Brittany Dismukes took fourth in the pre-algebra testing.

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## Council names four board members

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting of March 8 included several board appointments.

Daniel Stephens and Steve Williams were each appointed to a second six year term on the Elba Industrial Development Board.

Charlotte Whitehurst and Jim Gilmer were appointed to terms on the Elba Planning & Zoning Board. Gilmer's term is a six year term and Gilmer is filling an unexpired term, resulting from a death. He will serve until

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